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WEEKLY ERADICATION REPORT NO. 3 (9-16 TO 9-22-76)

1. SUMMARY: ERADICATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE OUT OF ALTAMIRANO, GUERRERO, MEXICO WITH BOTH POPPY AND MARIHUANA FIELDS BEING SPRAYED. PERSISTING CLOUD COVER IN THE SIERRA MADRE DEL SUR INHIBITS OBSERVATIONS FROM FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. MARIHUANA ERADICATION CONTINUES IN MICHOACAN. NO POPPY FIELDS HAVE BEEN LOCATED THERE AS YET. MEXICAN ERADICATION TEAMS SPRAYING IN THE NORTHERN ZONE ARE SPRAYING POPPY FIELDS AT ALTITUDES RANGING FROM 4,500 TO 8,000 FEET. END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION FIGURES

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE I (NORTHERNZONE) - STATES OF SINALOA,

DURANGO, CHIHUAHUA AND SONORA:

OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

CROPS DESTROYED - 151

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HECTARES DESTROYED - 73.55

OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 2
HECTARES DESTROYED - .6
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 2,129
HECTARES - 336.43
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 164
HECTARES - 46.5
(B) ZONE II (CENTRAL ZONE) - STATES OF JALISCO,
MICHOACAN, NAYARIT, ZACATECAS AND COLIMA.
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 663
HECTARES DESTROYED - 177.41
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED - 18
HECTARES DESTROYED - 6.34
(C) ZONE III (SOUTHERN - STATES OF GUERRERO,
MORELOS AND OAXACA
OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 764
HECTARES DESTROYED - -100.38
OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 0
HECTARES - 0
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 218
HECTARES - 23.79
MARIUHANA CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 0
HECTARES - 0
(D) CUMULATIVE TOTALS (ALL THREE ZONES)
OPIUM POPPY CORPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 915
HECTARES - 173.93
OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 2
HECTARES - .6
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 3,010
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HECTARES - 537.63
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 182
HECTARES - 52.88

3. COMMENTS: ON SEPT 14,1976, MINISTERIO PUBLICO CRUZ LOPEZ
IN GUADALAJARA, JALISCO ADVISED THAT AN MFJP HELICOPTER
CARRYING DR. ALEJANDRO GERTZ MANERO HAD BEEN SHOT AT WHILE

ON AN INSPECTION FLIGHT IN THE LA JUACANA AREA ON SEPTEMBER 10. THE ROTOR BLADE WAS PERFORATED BY BULLETS BUT THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE CRAFT. THE SOUTHERN ZONE REPORTS THAT HELICOPTERS RECEIVED HOSTILE FIRE ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS (20 AND 21). THERE WERE NO HITS AND NO CASUALTIES. FIRE WAS RETURNED. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN RECEIVED.

THE NORTHERN ZONE REPORTS THAT CULIACAN-BASED HELICOPTERS ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ON THE GROUND DUE TO DELAYS IN RECEIVING SPARE PARTS FROM MEXICO CITY.

A MORE EXPEDIENT SUPPLY REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM WAS DISCUSSED WITH CHIEF MAINTENANCE OFFICER LOPEZ GARCIA, WHO IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO CULIACAN BASE, AND WITH MEXICO CITY BASE SUPPLY OFFICER GONZALEZ, WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. A SUPPLY OFFICER WAS DESIGNATED AT CULICAN BASE WHO WILL TRANSMIT REQUISITIONS BY RADIO AT TWO PRESCRIBED TIMES DAILY WITH A FOLLOW-UP WRITTEN REQUISITION. AN INITIAL STOCK LEVEL IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ESTABLISHED IN CULIACAN.

MEXICAN OFFICIALS INFORMED THE DEA NORTHERN ZONE LIAISON OFFICER THAT GRAMOXONE WAS USED EXTENSIVELY AGAINST MARIHUANA CROPS; HOWEVER, AS THEY MAKE THE TRANSITION TO POPPY SPRAYING, THEY WILL BE USING AMINA (DMA-6 M) WHICH IS THE SALT FORMULATION OF 2-4-D. FYI: INTELLIGENCE OFFICER HENESTROSA RECENTLY INFORMED MISSION REPRESENTATIVES THEY ARE USING ESTERONE 47 MIXED WITH SURFACTANT (SURFACE ACTIVE AGENT) IN THE GUERRERO AREA AND INTEND TO USE THE SAME COMBINATION IN THE NORTHERN ZONE SUE TO THE ACCELERATED, HIGHLY VISIBLE WILTING EFFECT OF THIS 2-4-\$ FORMULATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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